Protection to Dwarka

1844. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO is considering to protect submerged city of Dwarka as an under water heritage;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by UNESCO; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to pursue the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Promotional Policy in ASI

1845. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts of Additional Director General and Director
General of Archaeological Survey of India are held by IAS Officers;

(b) whether it also a fact that the present promotional policy renders professional archaeologists and scientists of ASI ineligible to the above two posts; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to rectify the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. As per the existing Recruitment Rules notified in 1982 none of the officers in the ASI have completed the requisite number of years in the feeder grade to be eligible for promotion to the posts of Director General and Additional Director General (ASI)

(c) Amendments to the existing Recruitment Rules have been taken up for improving the promotion prospects of the officers of the ASI.